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1. IV GRANT FOR WALID JUMBLATT: CU AND NEA/ARN HAVE CONSULTED WITH OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION AND BELIEVE THAT DUE TO EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES JUMBLATT MAY TRANSIT LONDON.

2. FISCAL DATA FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.

3. INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM: CU HAS BEEN INFORMED
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VIA TELEPHONE CALL FROM PARIS THAT MS. MIRESE AKAR HAS AGAIN APPROACHED THE EMBASSY WITH REGARD TO RENEWAL OF AN IV GRANT OFFERED IN 1970 BY PHIL BROOKS. CU STILL OF THE OPINION THAT THIS AND ANY OTHER REQUESTS SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL A REGULAR CU PROGRAM FOR LEBANON IS REACTIVATED. IF THE POST DISAGREES PLEASE ADVISE.

4. USG PARTICIPATION IN MIKHAIL NAIMY FESTIVAL: THE FESTIVAL SEEMS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY INDEED FOR AMERICAN PARTICIPATION. WE REGRET HOWEVER THAT THE CURRENT CU FUNDING SITUATION PREVENTS US FROM BEING OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SUPPORTING AN AMSPEC GRANT FOR THIS PURPOSE. WE WILL KEEP THIS REQUEST IN MIND SHOULD UNANTICIPATED FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE.

5. IN THE MEANTIME, THE CU PROGRAM OFFICER WILL TELEPHONE BADEAU AND KHURI ABOUT THEIR IMMEDIATE TRAVEL PLANS IN THE HOPES THAT ONE OF THEM OR ANOTHER APPROPRIATE PERSON CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE AS A VOLUNTARY SPEAKER. WILL ADVISE. VANCE

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